



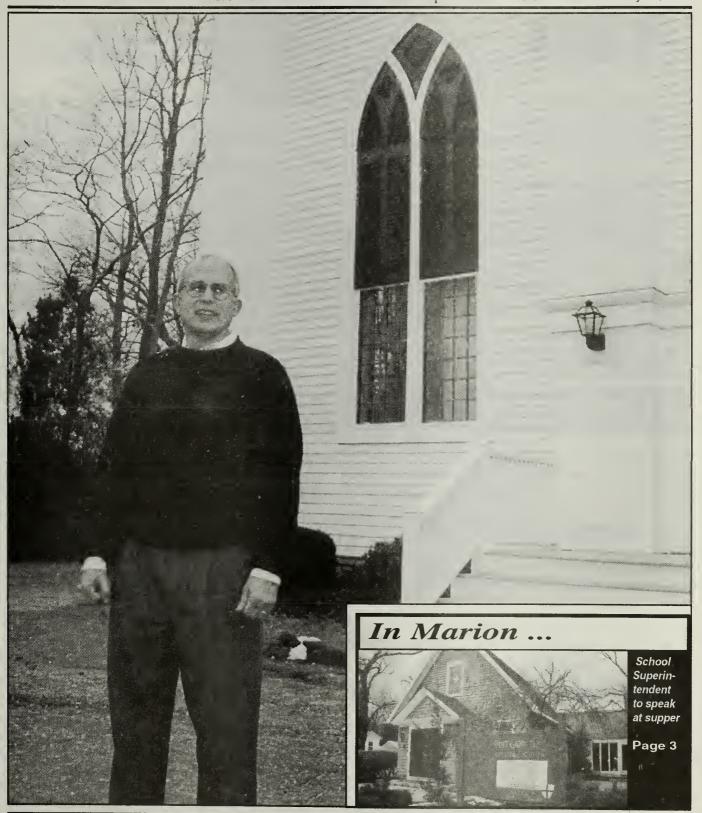
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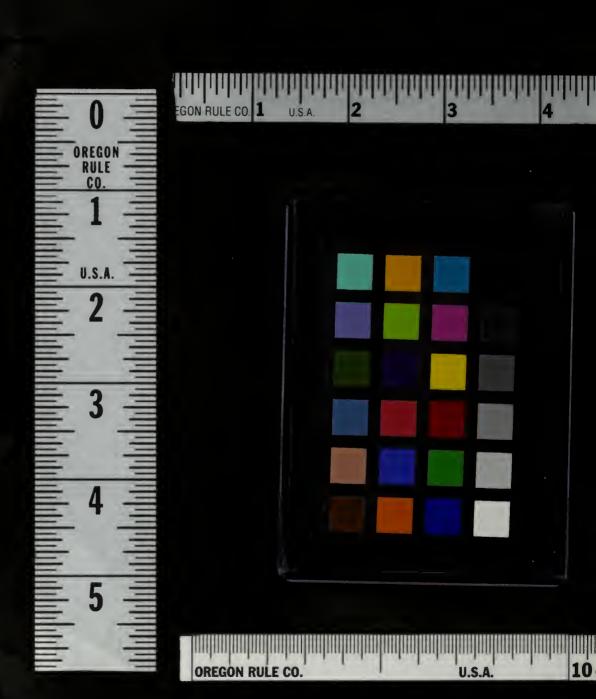
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#### Church Celebration

# Rochester Congregation to Welcome New Pastor

Neighbors and friends of The First
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to a Service of Installation and Celebration for the
church's new pastor, Gary Taylor, to be held on Sunday,
February 14 at 3:00 pm. The service and celebration will
be held in the church sanctuary on the town green (near
the Rochester Town Hall) followed by coffee and
refreshments in the adjoining Fellowship Hall.

The Rochester Congregational Church chose Pastor Taylor — or simply "Gary," as he prefers to be called — following a 16-month search for the right person to lead the church into its third century. A graduate of the Philadelphia College of the Bible and the Dallas Theological Seminary, Pastor Taylor places an emphasis on the timeless message of the Bible delivered in a relevant way.

Pastor Taylor and his family have recently relocated to Marion from the Philadelphia area where he was involved in a number of ministries. He recently explained that he arrived just before the holidays in the tri-town area, and his family joined him shortly thereafter, having been fearful of a potential blizzard. He looks forward to serving the Rochester congregation, and spoke well of those he has met thus far. Those who have yet to greet him and welcome him to the community will have an opportunity this weekend.

The First Congregational Church of Rochester is an open fellowship of friendly, involved people who have discovered the joy of the Christian Life. The church strives to provide a Biblically-based, positive and practical ministry that meets the needs of today's community.

Its regular Sunday Services are at 10:30 am with Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am. Its ministry includes a number of weekly Bible study and fellowship groups for a variety of life stages and interests.

On the cover: Gary Taylor of the First Congregational Church in Rochester will be officially installed as the church's new pastor during a service on Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 pm. The celebration will be held in the church sanctuary followed by coffee and refreshments in the adjoining Fellowship Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

#### Tri-Town Education

#### School Superintendent to Speak in Marion

Old Rochester Regional School District Superintendent Betty Quinn will speak on "The Educational Challenges Facing the Tri-Town Area" at the Thursday, February 25 Lasagna Supper given by the Tri-Town League of Women Voters at St. Gabriel's Parish House on South Street in Marion.

Many years ago the League started this event featuring good food and interesting speakers to cut into the "February doldrums." It was so well-received that it has now become an annual event.

Everyone is invited, members and non-members, including teenagers. The League has set an affordable price of \$6 which just covers the costs of the meal. Both meat and vegetarian lasagna will be served. The evening will begin with a short social time at 6:00 pm.

The speaker is scheduled after the main course and there will be plenty of time for dessert, coffee, and questions (which are encouraged). It is planned to end promptly at 9:00 pm. However, anyone interested in asking further questions is urged to stay and talk with the speaker on an individual basis.

Reservations are requested as soon as possible and can be made by calling 748-2276, 748-1327, or 999-2612. Payment of \$6 (checks preferred) may be made at the door. In case of inclement weather, any cancellation will be announced on the local radio stations.

Cover insert: St. Gabriel's Parish Hall in Marion will be the site for the Tri-Town League of Women Voters' Lasagna Supper slated for Thursday, February 25 beginning at 6:00 pm. ORR School Superintendent Betty Quinn will be the guest speaker and will discuss "Educational Challenges Facing the Tri-Town Area." (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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#### Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting February 9, 1999 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:06 pm by Chairman Paul E. Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectman Michele Bernier was not present for the meeting.

The board first met with Peter Elen who presented the town fathers with a petition signed by 184 Mattapoisett residents to request that Marion residents not be allowed to shellfish commercially in Mattapoisett waters. The petition also requests that Rochester residents be limited to a single permit in either Mattapoisett or Marion, but not both communities.

"I feel this is not (right) for the commercial shellfishermen," Mr. Elen said. "They can come into Mattapoisett and cut into family quotas. This is unfair to everyone who fishes in the area."

According to Mr. Elen and Ms. Adams, the rules governing shellfishing in Mattapoisett were changed around 1977 or 1978 to allow Marion and Rochester residents equal access. Since that time, however, the shellfish population in Mattapoisett





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"I spoke to (Marion Executive Secretary) Ray Pickles today, and he said that it has been many years since Marion residents were not allowed (to fish) in Mattapoisett," Ms. Adams said.

Mr. Elen also noted that Marion has since disallowed Mattapoisett residents from commercial shellfishing in their waters.

"I've seen people struggle all day just to get a half bushel of scallops," Mr. Elen said. "Let's face it, what are you going to get out of it? Three or four pounds of meat? The limit really should be a bushel and a half (for family permit holders)."

"I feel that if we aren't allowed to shellfish in Marion, they shouldn't be allowed to shellfish in Mattapoisett," Selectman Denham agreed. "Marion did the right thing ... we just didn't follow suit."

"Not that I have anything against Marion," Chairman Lambalot said, "but I think we should limit

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shellfishing to Mattapoisett residents."

With that, the board unanimously voted to accept the petition and limit commercial shellfishing in Mattapoisett to residents. "We have to check on the second part of your petition," Chairman Lambalot said. "I'm not sure of the long-standing agreement with have with Rochester." The board agreed to take that suggestion under advisement.

The board agreed to hold the approval of the meeting minutes until Selectman Bernier was present. Ms. Adams noted the following meetings scheduled for the week:

• Wednesday, February 10 at 10:00 am - Board of Health Bid Opening for surplus equipment;

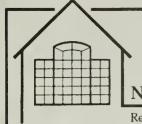
• Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 pm - Town Hall Departmental Meeting regarding networking;

• Monday, February 15 - Town Hall will be closed due to President's Day holiday.

The board received a memo from Building Inspector Andrew Bobola regarding a recent inquiry from the Commission on Disabilities. Mr. Bobola noted that as of February 9, there was \$1,229.90 in available funds remaining in the ADA renovation account. He advised that the parking lot to the rear of Town Hall will need to be addressed, both for employee and patron parking, as well as the handicap parking space, sign and striping. This work will be done by the Highway Department.

Mr. Bobola also said the original work awarded to Barbato Construction has been completed, and ADA/Braille approved signs cost approximately \$105 each. He estimates that 10 signs will be needed for the first floor, and 10 for the second floor, bringing





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the total cost to \$2,100. Ms. Adams also informed the board that the automatic door opener which the commission would like installed for the handicap entrance costs about \$3,000 per unit.

Lisa Yauch-Cadden of the Commission on Disabilities was present at the meeting and said her group hoped that an automatic door opener would cost only \$1,200. She also felt that the ADA/Braille signs might be purchased for less. Ms. Yauch-Cadden agreed to discuss these issues with the commission at their next meeting and decide what they want to do with the remaining funds in the ADA account.

On a similar note, the board received a memo

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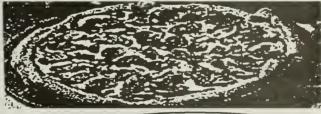
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from Town Clerk Lois Ennis, who offered to serve as the town's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator at no cost to the town. "I've researched some of the issues and found that many towns have unpaid ADA Coordinators," Ms. Ennis wrote. "It may be an Administrator, Executive Secretary, Town Clerk, or Building Inspector ... I want to offer my name for the town's ADA Coordinator and I would not expect compensation for that service. This would make the process of developing our own transition plan much easier ... (and) would also eliminate the expense of hiring a consultant for this purpose."

The board was pleased that Ms. Ennis offered to serve in this capacity. "It's very nice of her to volunteer," Chairman Lambalot said. "And she certainly has the resources available to her."

"At this point, we couldn't appoint anyone else without an appropriation," Selectman Denham added.

The board, however, agreed to wait until Selectman Bernier was present to officially consider Ms. Ennis' appointment as the town's ADA Coordinator.

#### In other matters:

• Ms. Adams noted that she will be meeting with Steve Smith of the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) on Wednesday, February 17 at 10:00 am to discuss search-



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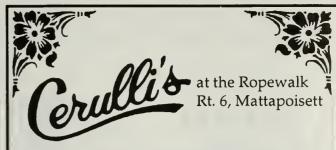
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- The board voted to allow Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson to seek the advice of Town Counsel relative to the sewer extension engineering agreement in the Briarpatch, Hamlin, and Winnatuxett areas.
- Peter Paige requested consideration for a space at the Mattapoisett Town Wharf for the summer to sell coffee, food and other items in a venue similar to that of the Ice Cream Slip. Chairman Lambalot said he wanted to wait until Selectman Bernier was present to vote on this matter; and Selectman Denham suggested they might have to consider some type of bidding situation to make it fair for all those interested.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:46 pm.

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# Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 8, 1999 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 8, 1999 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Patricia Ryan and Executive Secretary James Huntoon. Neither Selectman Richard Cutler and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere were present for the meeting.

The board agreed to hold approval of the January 25 and February 1 meeting minutes until Selectman Cutler was present. They also preferred to hold a request

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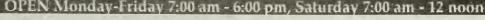
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At 7:05 pm the board met with Lucy Loomis of the Plumb Memorial Library to discuss their application for a grant to cover the initial design and planning stage of the library expansion project. Although Ms. Loomis noted that this year seemed to be a demanding year for town projects, this type of grant is only offered every few years.

"The reason we're applying for (the grant) now is they're available," she said. "They only come up every five or six years ... this is the first time they've been offered since I started working (at the library). The Library Trustees felt that although it may not be the most opportune time for the town, we have to apply while we can."

Ms. Loomis said the matching state grant of \$20,000 would require the town to contribute one-quarter of the total planning and engineering costs, or \$10,000. She plans to prepare an article for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant to cover this expense. Next year they hope to also apply for a grant to cover the construction portion of the expansion project — and will actively work with the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library on fund-raising efforts to supplement the costs.

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Ms. Loomis also explained that the tentative plans are to expand the library to include some type of public meeting room both for library events and general use. The expansion will be confined to the 63,000 square feet of available land on the existing library site. After applying for the design and planning grant, the Library Trustees will be seeking residents to serve on the Library Building Committee.

"Anyone who is interested in serving on the Library Building Committee can contact us at the library," Ms. Loomis said. "We'd also like to have a Selectman on the committee, preferably someone with a financial



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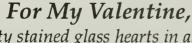
Under the Executive Secretary's report, Mr. Huntoon noted that he's been working with Ms. Loomis on designing the Rochester Town Newsletter, which he hopes to get out to residents by the beginning of March. The project is being funded through SEMASS, and the printing will be done by students at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

"I think we're trying to communicate with the public more," he said. "A lot of people don't know what's going on. We're hoping to get (the newsletter) out quarterly."

Mr. Huntoon also noted that he's been working with Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge on getting clarification from the Plymouth County Commissioners regarding the Mary's Pond Beach property. From what they have gathered, it seems that the Town of Rochester has owned the property to the waterline since 1925 when it was first laid out by the county.

"It seems the beach was included in the county layout," Mr. Huntoon said. "We need Town Counsel to review the plans ... but from what (Mr. Eldridge) and I can tell, we own it."

Selectman Parker noted confirmation from Police Chief Walter Denham that the Sergeant's Exam for the Rochester Police Department will be held on Saturday,



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February 13 at 10:00 am at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. Attorney Patrick Rogers will administer the test and Personnel Board member Sue Whitney will be present during the procedure.

The board also received notification from MediaOne regarding their annual tally of customer complaints. The results reflected only one miscellaneous complaint had been filed, and a few random interruptions of service. Selectman Ryan said she knew of more complaints which had been made but weren't included in the results. The board agreed to forward this information to the Cable Advisory Committee.

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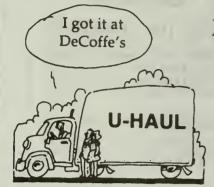
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(DEP) also sent a notice that the diesel fuel spill on Route 105 has been cleaned up and the bill for expenses incurred — including compensation for police and fire department personnel — will be sent to the company responsible.

Selectman Ryan noted the board still had not received a staffing plan which they requested from Police Chief Denham a few weeks back. "We're not meeting next week (due to the holiday)," she said, "but I'd like to have it in two weeks."

Selectman Parker acknowledged receipt of a Certificate of Appreciation from David P. Santos to the Rochester Town Hall for their assistance in his construction of a gazebo for the Plumb Memorial Library as part of his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:50 pm. The board will not meet during the week of February 15 and will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, February 22.

#### Coastline Elderly Nutrition Menu

- Monday, February 15 President's Day (no meals served).
- Tuesday, February 16 Beef stroganoff, shells, broccoli, white bread, fruit in light syrup.
- Wednesday, February 17 Omelette with cheese sauce, hash brown potatoes, escalloped tomatoes, whole wheat roll, cookie.
- Thursday, February 18 Meatloaf with gravy, whipped

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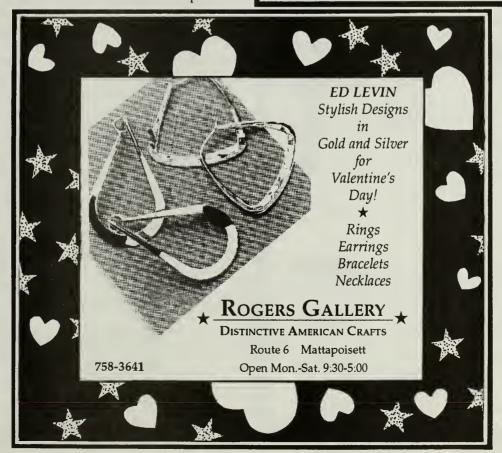
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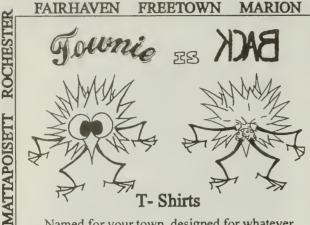
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#### ORR Students of the Month

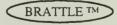
Gary Maestas, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announced the following Students of the Month for January 1999:

- GREEN TEAM Daniel Bussenger and, Jordan and Lindsey Butterfield;
- ORANGE TEAM Marion Ewing and Daniel Gerber;
- BLUE TEAM Kevin Wheeler and Sara Buckley;
- RED TEAM Siobhan Brown and Daniel Farren.

#### **Concert Band Performance at UMass**

On Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth, Our Lady of Light Band (Banda Nossa Senhora da Luz) of Fall River and the Tri-County Symphonic Band join forces to present an afternoon of traditional concert music. Tickets are available at The Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and The Bookstall in Marion, as well as from Our Lady of Light Band headquarters in Fall River. Tickets purchased at the outlets before the concert are \$5 for adults, children and students are FREE. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for adults.

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For 30 years since 1969, Our Lady of Light Band has been carrying on the heritage of philharmonic brass bands. Under the direction of Mr. Manuel Canito, experienced musicians work with younger band members to pass along an appreciation of the music and the important part it plays in the culture of the Portuguese people.

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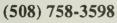


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The Mattapoisett Assessors office is beginning to work on the Fiscal Year 2000 Revaluation. The revaluation is based on sales that occurred in the calendar year 1998. Recently, the board mailed forms to commercial and industrial property owners and businesses. They appreciate your cooperation in completing the forms as the information assists the office in determining fair and accurate assessments.

The office will be conducting fieldwork during the week of February 16; Monday, February 22 through Thursday, February 25; and Tuesday, March 2 through Friday, March 5. During these days the Assessor's Office will be open between 8:00 and 8:30 am and 3:30 to 4:00 pm. The office will also be open the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm for the regular Board of Assessors meeting.

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society will sing Gilbert and Sullivan's classic operetta, HMS Pinafore, in concert on two occasions during the last weekend of February. The first concert, on Saturday, February 27, will take place at the Marion Music Hall at 8:00 pm. The second concert, to be sung at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven, will take place the following day, Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 pm.

Soloists for the concert are all members of the chorus and include Bill Maxwell singing the part of



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Tickets for both concerts are \$5 per person and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett, Margaret's Hallmark Card Shop in Wareham, and Fairhaven One-Hour Photo (located on Route 6 near the bridge to New Bedford). Chorus members also have tickets for sale.

While these concerts are usually sold out, there may be a few tickets available at the door on the day of the concert. Please note, however, that seating at the Music Hall in Marion is limited, and you may wish to purchase tickets early to ensure a seat.

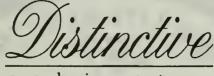
Now in its 35th season, the Sippican Choral Society is under the direction of Peter West, with Corinne Peck as accompanist. The group performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as lighter works from the musical theater.

This year the chorus will also be presenting a special free concert for children titled "It's a Disney Day!" on April 11, also in the Music Hall in Marion. For further information about these concerts, please call Peter McDonald at 295-7119.

#### Fairhaven Colonial Club

The Fairhaven Colonial Club will hold an Historic Tea at the clubhouse, 6 Cherry Street in Fairhaven, on Monday, February 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge.

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#### **ORR** Competes for Scholarship

On Saturday, February 13, student musicians from Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett, under the direction of Steve Rogers, will compete with Large Ensembles from nine northeastern states at Berklee College of Music's 31st Annual High School Jazz Festival. Nearly 3,000 students will compete for trophies, citation plaques, and tuition scholarships totaling \$100,000 at the largest festival of its kind in the U.S.

Musical performances are free and open to the public, and will take place at the Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, and from 7:30 pm until 11:30 pm, when the ten top big bands will perform in the final competition at the 2,700-seat Hynes Grand Ballroom. One of the college's most prestigious bands, the Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra, directed by Greg Hopkins, will also perform in the Grand Ballroom from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

#### Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will caucus on Saturday, February 13 at 2:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall to elect delegates and alternates to the 1999 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The convention will be held on Saturday, May 15 at the Springfield Civic Center. The Mattapoisett Democrats will be electing four delegates and four alternates.



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The Rochester Historical Commission spent most of 1998 on an exciting journey down memory lane into Rochester's past as they reviewed old newspaper clippings, photographs, and memoirs of Rochester's ancestors gathering historical data. A survey, including a narrative history, was received from the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. of Pawtucket, RI in August. The commission members corrected, copied, sorted, and organized the report, integrating old, updated records with the new. The resulting historical report was presented to the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in



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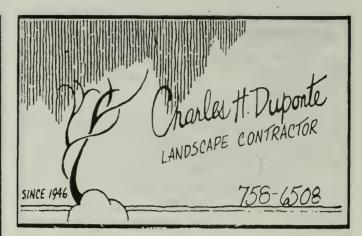
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Although the original purpose of the project was to provide the town with data to allow effective and consistent historic presentation planning, the commission invites all to join them on their journey into Rochester's past. The Rochester Historical Commission will continue to survey worthy historic properties, adding to the report as data is collected. They welcome any information or photographs others are willing to share. The commission's hope is to educate the current residents about Rochester's rich heritage with the aim to preserve the town's assets for future generations. Photos and other contributions may be sent to the Rochester Historical Commission c/o Town Hall.

#### Hypnotherapy for Smokers

The PACT Program and the Old Rochester Regional High School are teaming up to bring Marcia Richards back to the SouthCoast area to facilitate two free workshops which include hypnotherapy and guided imagery for smokers wishing to quit. Marcia Richards, DTS, CHt, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist experienced in facilitating quit smoking programs for individuals and groups.

Marcia facilitated two workshops last November in Acushnet. Participants from those workshops have been calling the PACT Program to request a "repeat



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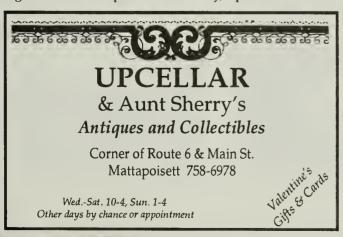
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performance" to reinforce their new non-smoking lifestyle and to bring some of their friends and family members as well.

The PACT Program will sponsor the first workshop to be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Sippican Shop on Spring Street in Marion. Judith Coykendall, Director of the PACT Program, said: "Noreen Nolan, owner of the Sippican Shop, expressed interest in hosting a quit smoking workshop and hypnotherapy session. Since we usually use schools and public buildings for these events, it seemed like a great idea to offer one in a different setting. When Noreen generously offered the use of the Sippican Shop, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to try something different."

A quit smoking support group series called "Independence from Tobacco" will also be offered in the weeks following the March 10 workshop. The PACT Program will also sponsor this series which will be held in a classroom at Old Rochester Regional High School on the following Wednesday evenings: March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7.

The final night of the series will feature Ms. Richards once again facilitating a workshop and hypnotherapy session. This event will be sponsored by the Old Rochester Regional School Health Advisory Council through funds from the Massachusetts Health Protection Grant. It will take place in the cafeteria at the high school at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 14 — which



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Interested smokers should call Judith Coykendall at 748-3531 to register for one or more of these events. The PACT Program serves the Boards of Health of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester through a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

#### **Acushnet School Building Committee**

At a recent Acushnet Town Meeting, Town Moderator Robert Francis was instructed to form a School Building Committee consisting of nine members: one member appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one member appointed by the School Committee, two members from each of the town's three precincts, and one member at large. The procedure to be used will be similar to the Facilities Study Committee. Mr. Francis is currently seeking letters of interest and resumes from Acushnet residents to be submitted to the Selectmen's office no later than February 16.

The School Superintendent needs to send the names of committee members to the Massachusetts School Building Committee no later than March 1. In order to accomplish this, Mr. Francis must have the committee selected and announced before the Annual





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Town Election. On the day after the election, if the debt exclusion passes, Mr. Francis will announced the committee and will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, February 25. The following day (February 26), the Superintendent can send the names of committee members to Boston in time to arrive for the March 1 deadline. If the names are not received by that date, the town could lose the project due to a technicality.

#### **Center School Seeks Artists**

March has been designated by the Massachusetts Art Education Association as "Youth Art Month." This is the twelfth annual celebration of the month at Center School in Mattapoisett. A major part of the celebration

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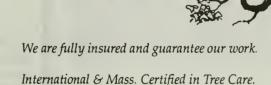
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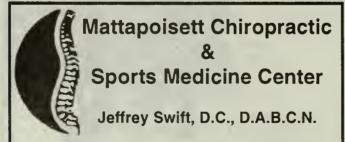
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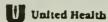
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will be the visitation of artists during class time to discuss and demonstrate their areas of expertise. Funding to compensate the artists for their time has been generously provided by matching grants from the Mattapoisett Parent-Teacher's Association.

Visiting artists in the past have included those specializing in face-painting, watercolor, silk screening, stained glass, furniture making, wood burning, and several others. Repeat visiting artists are certainly welcome, as are parents and newcomers. We know there is a lot of talent out there and we also know that the rewards of sharing that talent with young artists are immense ... just ask the students.

If you are an area artist and interested in enriching the creative development of the school's young "Van Gogh's," then please contact Diane Perry, Center School Art Teacher, by February 19 at 758-2521. You can also send her a note c/o Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

#### Spaghetti Supper in Marion

The Marion Firefighters Association will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Marion Fire Station on Spring Street. All tickets are \$4 per person. For more information or tickets, please call 748-3595 (Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm). All proceeds will benefit the Marion Firefighters Association Scholarship Fund.

#### **Drivers Education at ORR**

Enrollment for the next Drivers Education class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 16 years of age on or before February 22 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available



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Class charge for residents is \$35. Driving hours for residents is \$110. The class and driving hour charge for non-residents of the ORR School District is \$160. Only cash, bank checks, or money orders will be accepted as payment. No personal checks will be accepted. Summer residents will be considered residents of the district.



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#### Millicent Library - Fairhaven

UFO Slideshow

David Downs, an Attleboro resident, will be bringing the results of his UFO research to The Millicent Library in Fairhaven on Wednesday, February 17 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Downs will give a lecture and slideshow on UFO's. The UFO program is a special school vacation week event that is funded by the Friends of the Millicent Library. Admission is FREE to the public. Children and adults are both welcome.

Mr. Downs is considered a skeptic who has spent 15 years trying to prove that we've been visited by UFO's, but has never found the proof. Why did this Rehoboth Third Grade teacher spend so much time chasing "flying saucers"? "It was the similarity of stories from all over the world that convinced me something was going on," he said. "Widely different cultures would give the same description of aliens."

Be sure to join the Millicent Library for a lively and interesting slideshow of a controversial phenomena. Online Database

The Millicent Library announces the arrival of a new online database available through the library's internet connection. "SIRS Researcher on the Web" provides instant access to thousands of full-text articles and graphics on social, scientific, health, historic, economic, business, political, and global issues. The database was developed to meet the day-to-day research

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needs of everyone — from young people to adults. Teens and adults may access the "SIRS" database by signing up to use the library's internet computer.

For library patrons with home computers and a valid library card from their public library, it is also possible to access a new database from home called "SEARCHBANK." All you have to do is go to the following address: http://www.searchbank.com/searchbank/mlin\_s\_remote, and type in your library barcode. "SEARCHBANK" consists of four mostly full-text databases covering general reference, academic subjects, health and business. SEARCHBANK is available on the library's internet computer as well as at home.

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# Maconchu Club - Mattapoisett

The Maconchu Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will meet on Saturday, February 20 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall. Dave Olney of Mattapoisett, retired science teacher, will speak on the subject "Water: The World's Most Unusual Liquid." Guests are welcome.

The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14 at 7:30 pm at Greg and Betty Parker's, 58 Mattapoisett Neck Road.

# Providence Bruins Trip

The community is invited to take advantage of a group discount on tickets to a Providence Bruins hockey game on Sunday, February 28. The Providence Bruins, or Baby B's, are the affiliate of the Boston Bruins. They will be playing against the Hartford Wolf Pack at a 4:00 pm game at the Providence Civic Center. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for children, including a ride to the game.

The bus will leave the Marion General Store parking lot at 2:00 pm. The trip is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee of the First Congregational Church of Marion. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call John Ogren at 748-0967 or Nita Howland at 748-0987. The same group is organizing a bus trip from Marion to the Boston Flower Show on Monday, March 15. For more details, please call John or Nita. The bus will depart mid-morning and return home by 3:00 pm.

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# Mattapoisett Public Library

Weaving Class

On Tuesday, February 16 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm, come and explore color, texture, and patterns while weaving a bookmark for books that you are reading! Mary Ellen Nochimow, who teaches children's weaving, will be offering this one-day activity at the library. There is no charge for this class; and it is offered to the first six children (ages 6 to 12) who register at the library (758-4171).

Native American Story Time

On Thursday, February 18 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, a special story program is planned for children in Grades 2 through 5. The theme will be Native Americans. Come join the library for stories, riddles, games, and crafts. Registration is limited to 15 children. Please call 758-4171 for more information, or visit the library at 7 Barstow Street.

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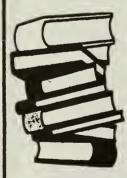
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Due to popular demand, a community division will be added this year. Any adult can participate and compete as long as they register their finished car between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on the morning of the race at the school auditorium. The Cub Scouts welcome the public to come and watch the race. Lunch and snacks will be available. For more information, please contact Joan Hartnett-Barry at 748-0027.

# Country Fair at St. Joseph's School

Saint Joseph School in Fairhaven will be holding its third Annual Country Fair and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the school yard. The event will feature a food court, Chinese auction, craft tables, flea market, children's games, music, cow chip contest, raffles, giant yard sale, and more. They are currently seeking crafters and flea marketers for the event. The space would be approximately 10' x 12', and the donation for the space is \$25 plus a donation to the Chinese auction.

For an application, please call the school at 996-1983, or you may stop by and pick one up. Saint Joseph School is located at 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Deadline for application is April 30, 1999.

# Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett are having a Saint Patrick's Party at the Council on Aging Center on March 17 from 12:00 noon until 2:30 pm. Tickets may be obtained from Cynthia at the center. The closing date to obtain tickets (so they know how many are attending) is March 12.



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- NRA Basic Pistol Course May 7, 8 and 9 with registration deadline of April 7. This course is now a legal requirement for getting a permit to carry. Course fee is \$100 and will teach the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The 14-hour course will cover pistol knowledge and safe gun handling, ammunition, knowledge and fundamentals of pistol shooting, firing the first shots, one- and twohanded standing positions. For more information, please contact Larry Bibeau at 995-6708 (caplock@ma.ultranet.com).

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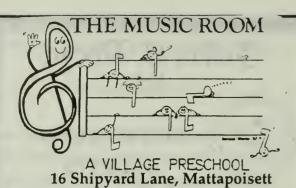


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The Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester Directory, in which each town is listed separately, is mailed free to every postal address in the three towns. During the year, any newcomer, individual or business may pick up a free copy at The Bookstall in Marion. Income from the LWV Directory helps finance the League of Women Voters' local efforts, particularly its Voter Service activities and grants to local school programs.

Game Party in Mattapoisett

Want to spend a relaxing, pleasurable winter afternoon? Come and enjoy a Card and Game Party hosted by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 18 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. The party will be held at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynard Hall. To set the mood for this fun-filled afternoon, a sandwich luncheon with homemade desserts and beverages will be served.

Tickets for this fund-raising event are \$5 per person and will be available at the door. Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend this event, and have a chance to win the door prize or one of the table prizes. For further information, please call Judy at 758-9505.

Sippican Seniors

The next regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, February 12 at the VFW Pavilion in Marion. The afternoon will be a "Show and Tell" day. Members are encouraged to bring something they think is interesting and tell the members about it or if there is an unusual event in your life, tell about it. Refreshments will follow.

# Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee

On February 22 the Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee hopes to re-evaluate the growth implications of preliminary planning decisions and will begin to examine the fiscal impacts, infrastructure requirements

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and capital planning possibilities for accommodating the resulting growth patterns. Adjustments may then be considered in the future land use proposals to more realistically fit the projected capabilities of the town to support this growth.

On March 8 and 22 and April 5, the focus will shift to the all-important work of adopting implementation strategies which can be supported by the community and which are likely to get the job done. This will include land use and design controls, resource protection strategies, administrative capacity and budget issues, and the need for expanded community partnerships and initiatives. A draft Master Plan will follow by late April.

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall and are open to the public.

# Ham and Bean Supper in Marion

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are \$6 per person and tickets can be obtained by calling 748-0791, 295-2848, or 947-8799.

# **Mattapoisett Burning Permits**

The Mattapoisett Fire Department has announced that Burning Permits for the year are now available at the Fire Station on Route 6. The burning season runs through April 30. To obtain a permit, please stop by the Fire Station between the hours of 8:30 and 11:00 am any morning (including weekends).

As in past years, you need to call the Fire Department every day that you wish to burn to inquire if burning is allowed on that day. Please remember that grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires, or building materials are prohibited. Only brush, cane, forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations may be burned.

# **Acushnet Override Election**

Absentee Ballots for the Special Override Election to be held on February 22 in Acushnet are now available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Any registered voter who will not be able to vote on Election Day is eligible. If you have any questions or would like a special ballot application sent to you, please call the Acushnet Town Clerk's office at 998-0215. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day (Monday, February 22).

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Attorney Moore will be at the Mattapoisett Senior Center for legal consultation on Friday, February 12. Please call 758-4110 to set up an appointment. Holiday Closing

The Mattapoisett Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 15. Please plan ahead with FISH calls for the beginning of the week.

Tax Assistance

Tax time is here again and the tax preparer will be available every Monday by appointment. Please call 758-4110 to make an appointment.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available on Monday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Senior Center. No appointment is necessary.

# Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum is once again sponsoring a series of After-School and Adult Programs focusing on some of the natural habitats in the tri-town area. The programs are geared toward the notion of learning by doing, as participants are taken on nature walks and field trips to study "life in the wild." Some of the upcoming programs include:

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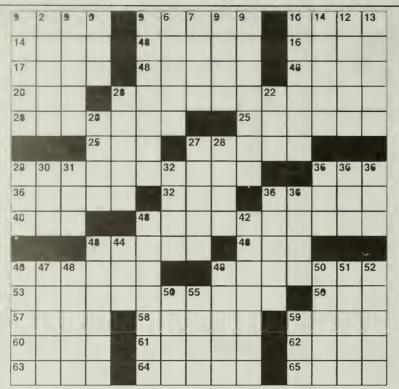
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# This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). If you have the urge to be impetuous, curb it. Your lesson to be learned right now has more to do with structure, discipline and obedience.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). An initial resistance should fade, so don't take no for an answer, especially if it's

the first answer you get. Gemini (May 21-June 21). You should be in a relatively scholarly frame of mind. Odds are good whatever you're thinking about doing is not going to be easy, but it is going to be possible.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're hitting a bit of a tailwind concerning your career. A dear friend could give you a push in the right direction.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're strong and that's good, because you're facing some tough competition. Get your finances into order so you'll know how much you can afford.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your workload is intense. That's because somebody is pressuring you to get the job done.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be a lot of competition for your time. How about delegating some of your responsibilities? The pressure is

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It looks like just about everybody wants to tell you what to do. The odds of your success improve.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There could be a slight difference of opinion between two people you respect and admire. You get to be the referee and help them come to a com-

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You should be watching your money. It's a good bet somebody else is, too. Don't let somebody talk you out of it without getting the very best possible deal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Confer with your partner about a purchasing decision you're contemplating. You'll be frugal and wise, and able to remember details well.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your work may seem overwhelming, but don't despair. Actually, you're learning lots of important things that you'll be able to use later.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: Work with a partner this year, and you'll get more money than you ever dreamt possible. Try to do it alone, and just the opposite is true.



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• February 27 - Adult Program: Animal Tracking. Join Diane Boretos, wetland biologist of Call of the Wild Natural History Tours, for a three-hour tracking excursion on Saturday, February 27 into Marion's Washburn Park to look for animal tracks and sign. Participants will look for



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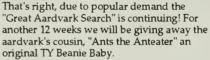
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### **LEGAL NOTICES**

TOWN OF ROCHESTER **BOARD OF APPEALS** 

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Chester Smigel, 261 Mattapoisett Road, who is seeking a special permit under Section VIII.C.2.d. of protective by-laws to allow construction of an accessory structure larger than the allowed 750 square feet. Property is identified on Assessors' maps as plan 2 lot 15. Public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, February 25th at 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Charles Wolf, Chairman 02/04.02/11

> TOWN OF ROCHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Decas Cranberry Company, Inc. for a Form C subdivision entitled Paradise Meadows prepared by Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc.

Property is located off Hiller and Walnut Plain Roads, Assessors Map 11, Lots 11 and 2.

Public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 7:15pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room. 2/11, 2/18 Janice M. Crook, Chairman

# TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on the petition of ComElectric for the location of (1) proposed pole location on Water Street, Mattapoisett. Hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting room on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at 7:30pm. BOARD OF SELECTMEN Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman Michele C. Bernier, Clerk Barry J. Denham 02/11

> TOWN OF ROCHESTER **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on the petition of Bell Atlantic for one (1) jointly owned pole to be located on Mary's Pond Road/Perry's Lane. The work is necessary to support a new pole line on Perry's Lane. Hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 1999 at 7:45 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town

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• March 18 from 3:30 to 4:30 - After-School Program: Bird Walk with Mike Labossiere. Mike will talk about the birds in this area and take participants on a walk to identify the birds found in our own neighborhoods.

• April 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm - After-School Program: Vernal Pools. Come explore fascinating creatures from small temporary springtime ponds. Teacher and naturalist Mary Beers of the Thornton Burgess Society will help participants look at pond water with microscopes in search of small daphnia and copepod, damselfly nymphs and other crustaceans and insect. They'll also look at the salamanders and other amphibians who use these "vernal pools" to lay eggs and listen to springtime amphibians sing and try to imitate these ampho-songs. Adults and children are welcome. Cost is \$6 per participant and pre-registration is required.

• May 20 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm - After-School Program: Ever-popular Leo Spinner of Skin and Scales will bring in his impressive collection of really impressive live reptiles for participants to handle and explore close up.

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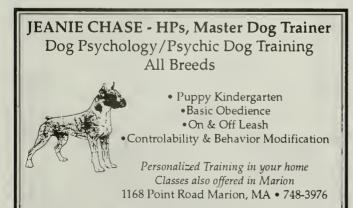
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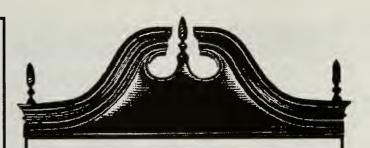
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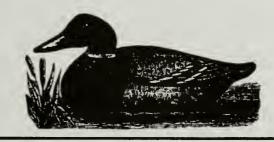
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February 15:	Mon.	7:09	7:31	12:19	12:56			
February 16:	Tues.	7:53	8:14	1:04	1:36			
February 17:	Wed.	8:36	8:59	1:49	2:17			
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# MOVIE REVIEW



Payback. Starring Mel Gibson, Maria Bello, and Gregg Henry. Directed by Brian Helgeland. Running time: 102 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall.

Porter (no first name), the anti-hero of Pauback, is the least detestable fish in a sea of sharks. Which doesn't make him a great guy: he's cold, borderline sadistic, and generally a callous bastard. If Porter were at the center of a clever little art-house thriller, perhaps played by Kevin Spacey or Steve Buscemi, nobody would bat an eye. But Payback is a Hollywood movie starring Mel Gibson, whose heroes of late have usually been noble or likably goofy; Porter is neither. It's a return to basics for Gibson, who came to international prominence as the grim-faced Mad Max, and it's also a risk that perhaps only as big a star as Gibson could have taken.

The risk works. Payback is a gray and ornery comedy of bad manners, in which our only clue that Porter is the hero is that Gibson's playing him. The plot, based on an early novel by "Richard Stark" (i.e., Donald Westlake -1967's Point Blank was also derived from it), is another return to basics. Porter has been shot in the back and robbed of his \$70,000 share of stolen money; now he wants it back. He doesn't want less than \$70,000; he doesn't want more than \$70,000. Why so fussy? Because someone was willing to kill him to steal it from him; that magic number is what Porter's betrayer figured his life was worth.

This stuff has been done before — it was done many times before and after Point Blank — but sometimes style and attitude make all the difference. Rookie director Brian Helgeland (who won an Oscar last year for co-writing L.A. Confidential) and cinematographer Ericson Core drain Porter's world of almost all color, everything, including flesh, looks blue-gray and cold to the touch. Payback also unfolds in a universe where time literally seems to have no



meaning: Sometimes the attitudes are very '90s, sometimes very '80s, sometimes even '60s, and people are always seen using rotary phones (even in a car!). Helgeland, who also wrote the script (Gibson later brought in Mad Max's Terry Hayes to rework the ending), seems to have shaped the movie

as a tribute to bad-ass cinema from all decades and also all countries — like Ronin, it feels more European than American.

Gibson hardly even cracks a smile here, yet there's humor in his consistent irritability and no-nonsense attitude (as in Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome); if the movie flops, the entertainment pundits will chide Gibson for departing from his loopy *Lethal Weapon* persona — as if the hero of that series hadn't started out as a suicidal, alcoholic wreck before gradually getting cutesified. I do wonder, though, why Gibson seems to have a torture scene written into every script; didn't Braveheart satisfy his masochistic streak?

Aside from Gibson, Payback is a wonderfully wretched hive of scum and villainy. William Devane, as a bigwig in "the outfit" (mob), plays his role as a soft-spoken, reasonable CEO; Kris Kristofferson, as an even bigger bigwig, plays his as a pulp-fiction variation on his cruel sheriff in Lone Star; James Coburn pops into the movie as yet another bigwig with a taste for fine suits that exceeds his taste for violence; David Paymer is great as usual, as a rabbity smack dealer.

And it's always great to see Gregg Henry, a veteran of several Brian De Palma films (notably Body Double); having accepted that his sourball features prevent him from playing anything but sleazoids, he's perfected it. His character, who gets off on being beaten by a dominatrix and cringes before Devane's calm assessment of his status in the outfit, is the freshest creation in the movie. Maybe in an art-house version of Payback, Gregg Henry would play Porter; as it is, he's the movie's wild card, and Helgeland or Gibson (whoever was smart enough to hire him) may have kick-started a deserving career.

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#### CINEMA 140

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Sat-Thu: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30

Central Station (R) - Fri: 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30;

Sat-Thu: 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Stepmom (PG-13) - Fri: 5:00, 7:30; Sat-Thu: 12:00, 5:00, 7:30

At First Sight (PG-13) - Fri-Thu: 2:30, 10:00 A Simple Plan (R) - Fri: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;

Sat-Thu: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Saving Private Ryan (R) - Fri: 3:00, 6:15, 9:30;

Sat-Thu: 12:00, 3:00, 6:15, 9:30

In Dreams (R) - Fri-Thu: 2:45, 9:45

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The Rugrats Movie (G) - 1:20
Payback (R) - 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30
Varsity Blues (R) - 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20
Patch Adams (PG-13) - Fri/Sat: 1:50, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10;
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Simply Irresistible (PG-13) - 1:40, 3:50, 6:30
Mighty Joe Young (PG) - 1:10, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
The Faculty (R) - 6:50, 9:00
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The Prince of Egypt (PG) - 1:50, 4:00
The Thin Red Line (R) - 8:30
Message in a Bottle (PG-13) - 1:20, 3:50, 7:00, 9:30
A Bug's Life (PG) - 1:30, 4:20
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